

## DPW Trustee Board Report, January 2017

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### Summary of actions

- **Under Pressure** - A campaign during the last week of Christmas term that encouraged students to talk about, understand and manage stress. This was very successful in terms of student engagement; however, the impact has not been quantified.
- **HEFCE bid for tackling sexual violence** – I have co-authored a bid to train 8 sexual violence liaison officers who will provide a consistent and appropriate institutional response to sexual violence. Additionally, the bid includes active bystander training for Hall Seniors and bar staff.
- **Lobbying college about bursary distribution** – This issue was brought to my attention by a student about the unfair distribution bursary payments in the 2015/2016 cohort.
- **Planning Eating Disorder Awareness Week** - This is a national campaign that runs on the last week of February. So far I have secured an external speaker and am working with Sport Imperial to tackle eating disorders in sport.
- **Postgraduate research wellbeing focus groups** – This was in partnership with the Graduate School.
- **Mental Health First Aid (Lite) training for CU presidents, Liberation and Welfare officers** – This is a two hour course which will be delivered in February. Two sessions will be held and spare places will be advertised to the broader student body.
- **Full MHFA training for Wardens** – The first session will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and will act as a pilot before offering it to all wardens and sub wardens.
- **Started work with Registry on interruption of studies** – Work will include creating an interruption of studies guide, ensuring that departments follow a uniform policy and creating a learning agreement for returning students to ensure they are fully supported
- **Started work on Campaigns and Liberation review** – Engagement of liberation officers is low and their impact is limited due to inadequate support structures. There is also poor engagement with student led campaigns.
- **Started work on wellbeing reps** – This was announced as part of the strategy and aims to place wellbeing reps in each department, the details are still to be confirmed.
- **Director of student services interviews** – I sat on the interview panel and arranged a student panel with Luke. We have identified a suitable candidate.

- **Successful lobbying of GP leading to the introduction of text message reminders and follow up calls for patients with mental illness** – This will help to ensure that students with mental health difficulties don't fall through the cracks.

## **Challenges**

The challenges I would like to seek advice on from the board of trustees are:

- Measuring the impact of campaigns rather than simply student engagement
- The creation and implementation of wellbeing reps
- Restructuring student led campaigns and liberation to increase engagement, which is currently low